

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Application of
ARNOLD, James E.

Serial No. 09/505,803

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For: METHOD FOR FORMING METAL:
PARTS HAVING SUPERIOR
SURFACE CHARACTERISTICS



Group Art Unit - 3726

Examiner: COMPTON, E

Docket No. RAG-021400

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Washington, D.C. 20231

Response

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In Response to the Office Action dated April 10, 2001, applicant amends his application as follows:

In the Claims:

Cancel claim 13 without prejudice or admission. Kindly amend claims 1 - 12 and 14 - 20 by rewriting them in amended form as follows:

1. (Amended) A method of forming a metal product having superior surface characteristics, comprising the steps of: providing a metal alloy workpiece substrate [have pre-process dimensions; determining dimensional differences between the pre-process dimensions of the workpiece substrate and desired post-process dimensions of a post-process metal product formed from the workpiece substrate; determining a build-up thickness of coating material required to obtain the desired post-process dimensions of

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